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DOD Directive Implements 'Service to Public' Program

Department of Defense has issued a directive to guide and implement President Johnson's program for improving "Communications with and service to the public."

The directive (5410.21) explains responsibility assigned to each DOD component.

President Johnson's program has the following fundamental objectives:

- To foster among Federal employees attitudes of public service which accurately reflect Presidential policy.
- To eliminate unfamiliar terms (e.g., military jargon, acronyms, abbreviations, obscure words and phrases, etc.) from correspondence and to generally improve communications with the public, whether by mail, telephone or in person.
- To provide information and service to the public through the use of existing, or planned, community relations programs.

The President's program is aimed ". . . to assure that each American receives from his government the fastest, most efficient and most courteous service."

Responsibilities of DOD components include instituting measures and controls to assure that communications with the public are rapid, responsive, and courteous, but consistent with the need for maximum economy and security.

Vietnam Counteroffensive Campaign Service Award Approved by Army

Army Secretary Stanley R. Resor has approved designation of a third U. S. Army campaign in Vietnam, called "Vietnam Counteroffensive," for the period Dec. 25, 1965 through June 30, 1966.

Those serving with a unit in Vietnam during this period are authorized to wear a Bronze Service Star on the Vietnam Service Medal.

Previous campaigns and designated periods are Vietnam Advisory Campaign—March 15, 1962 through March 7, 1965, and Vietnam Defense Campaign—March 8, 1965 through Dec. 24, 1965.

FLIGHT DECK ARRIVAL—VAdm. B. F. Roeder, USN, Commander, U.S. First Fleet (center), arrives on the flight deck of the support aircraft carrier USS Hornet for a visit during Operation Snatch Block, a major fleet exercise off the coast of California.

Award $13.5 Million Increment To AF A-7D Aircraft Contract

A $13.5 million increment to an estimated $227 million contract has been obligated by the Air Force for development and production of a new turbofan engine for the A-7D subsonic attack aircraft.

Contract was awarded to Allison Division of General Motors Corp., Indianapolis, Ind., by the Air Force Systems Command's Aeronautical Systems Division, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio.

A-7D is the Air Force version of the Navy's A-7A attack aircraft.

The Air Force's new aircraft will be a swept-wing fighter capable of carrying a variety of external weapons, including bombs and missiles. It is designed to provide a significant contribution in a primary role of air support to ground combat troops.

In October 1966, Air Force issued a $19,147,000 contract to LTV Aerospace Corp., Dallas, Tex., for procurement of the A-7D. First delivery of production aircraft is scheduled in 1968. First wing is slated to be operational in 1969.

Washington Memos

PRESIDENT JOHNSON has announced his intention to nominate Everett Hutchinson of Texas to be Under Secretary of the newly created Department of Transportation. Senate confirmation is required.

DOD STATISTICS REVEAL that 6,711 U. S. service personnel lost their lives through hostile forces actions from Jan. 1, 1961 through Jan. 7, 1967. An additional 1,534 lost their lives from non-hostile actions.

ARMY QUARTERMASTER SCHOOL was presented U. S. Army Distinguished Service School Award for more than 50 years' outstanding contribution to education and training of armed forces personnel. Presentation was made by Gen. Paul L. Freeman Jr., CG, USCONARC.

BOARD TO SELECT three nominees for Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force convened at the Military Personnel Center, Randolph AFB, Tex., Jan. 17. More than 20 top NCOs are to appear before the board. Three board selectees will be designated for a visit to the Pentagon, with final selection by Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. McConnell.

GUIDED MISSILE LIGHT Cruiser USS Springfield is returning to the U. S. after nearly 40 months of Mediterranean duty. Home port for Springfield will be Boston, Mass. U. S. flagship's foreign home port was Villefranche-sur-Mer, French Riviera.

OUTGOING PACIFIC Air Forces Commander-in-Chief General Hunter Harris Jr., has made farewell visits in Philippines and other 13th Air Force units in Southeast Asia. Gen. Harris is retiring this month after 34 years military service.

ARMY NURSES AND Staff personnel at 1st Logistical Command's 8th Field Hospital are providing Vietnamese nurses with an OJT program. Vietnamese nurses come to the field hospital for five-day training period from Khanh Hoa Hospital, an RVN civilian facility.

$53 MILLION MODIFICATION to previously awarded contract for F-4E and RF-4C aircraft is being issued to McDonnell Co., St. Louis, Mo. Naval Air Systems Command is issuing the modification.

ARMY'S FAMILY OF lightweight, rugged radios includes the AN/PRC-25, a transistorized, frequency modulated, man-pack radio of 3-5 mile range for forward combat area use. It replaces AN/PRC-8, 9 and 10.

BRIGADIER GENERAL Edward H. de Saussure Jr., has assumed command of I Field Force Vietnam Artillery at Nha Trang, RVN. A 1941 graduate of the U. S. Military Academy, Gen. de Saussure served as Assistant Commander/Support, 25th Infantry Division, Hawaii, before assuming present post.

ONE OF LARGEST hospitals outside the U. S. is scheduled for completion April 1 at Cam Ranh Bay, RVN. It is being enlarged from 280 to 400 beds, and will have a 100-bed Casualty Staging Unit similar to that at Da Nang.

STUDENT AND FACULTY senior officers from Inter-American Defense College, Washington, D. C., will visit Inter-American Development Bank. They will be briefed on Bank's work in Latin America's economic and social development.

IN NINE YEARS of operation, TAC's 4440th Aircraft Delivery Group, Langley AFB, Va., has delivered more than 12,000 aircraft to almost every area on the globe. The 4440th is the only organization solely responsible for delivery of Air Force and Military Assistance Program aircraft.

A NEW, HIGH-SPEED weather communications circuit linking North America and Europe opened on Jan. 17. The new circuit, linking the U. S. Weather Bureau's Suitland, Md., center with Offenback (Frankfurt), Germany, is expected to revolutionize the exchange of weather information between the two continents. Capable of voice, teletypewriter or pictorial transmission, the circuit replaces a line which carried only teletypewriter messages.

NEWLY ACQUIRED FACILITIES for Air Force Logistics Command Non-Commissioned Officer Academy are expected to bring a sharp increase in student population at McClellan AFB, Calif. School officials anticipate total number of students who have successfully completed academy studies since 1956 will double within next decade because of improved facilities.

USAF HEALTH RECORD in Southeast Asia compares favorably with that in the U. S. and Air Force-wide, according to Surgeon General of the Air Force. Average uniformed members of the Air Force spends 2.6 days annually away from duty because of illness or injury. Most illness is upper respiratory.

HELICOPTER ANTISUBMARINE Squadron Five claims three new monthly records for an East coast Helicopter ASW unit, set while deployed in LANTFLEX 66 maneuvers. Records claimed are most flight hours in a month, 1232; most night carrier approaches to sonar hover, 616, and most total carrier approaches to sonar hover, 1675.

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Background for Commanders

POWER AND RESPONSIBILITY

(Excerpts from an address by Joseph J. Sisco, Assistant Secretary of State for International Organizational Affairs. Additional excerpts will appear in a future issue of Commanders Digest.)

In dealing with the tough day-to-day decisions of peacemaking in the post-World War II world, we have learned three lessons:

First, we cannot rely on a one-instrument policy. There is no single all-purpose system of security that meets all our needs.

Many types of international instruments are called into play to cope with a Cuba missile crisis, with the Kennedy Round of new rules for international trade, with the Congo, Cyprus and Vietnam, with the economic and social needs of Asia and Africa.

We are connected with more than 40 nations in regional alliances such as NATO, the OAS and the Alliance for Progress and SEATO. We participate in 50 international agencies and in more than 600 international conferences a year—ranging over almost the entire spectrum of man's economic and technical activities. At the apex of this structure, we join with more than 120 nations in the U.N. and its associated bodies.

Choosing the right instrument or instruments for a particular foreign policy requirement is important for its success. What is correct for one particular need may not prove effective for another.

Vietnam is a case in point. While U.N. machinery has already proved its worth in such diverse situations as Indonesia, Greece, Palestine, Kashmir, Korea, Suez, Lebanon, Laos, the Congo, West New Guinea, the Yemen and Cyprus, it has not been able to deal effectively with Vietnam. It has not been able to take on either the peacekeeping or peacemaking job from the U.S. and its allies.

We brought the issue before the Security Council, but it got nowhere at all because of the threat of the Soviet veto and the attitude of some nations who are not members—North Vietnam and Red China.

We could, of course, abandon our commitment and turn a blind eye to the aggression against South Vietnam. But this we cannot do without encouraging the forces of violence and aggression everywhere. We want a peaceful solution. And we will continue to use not one instrument but **all** instruments of policy to bring it about.

The second thing we have learned is not to rely on a one-sided approach, whether it be military, diplomatic or economic.

Vietnam again is a good illustration. Attention to problems of poverty and economic and social betterment are an integral part of security. That is why we have committed ourselves to a billion-dollar development program for Southeast Asia, why we back the Mekong Valley project and welcome the formation of the Asian Development Bank.

The seven nations meeting in Manila last October recognized the interaction of social, economic and political forces. Their Declaration, signed by President Johnson and the leaders of six Pacific nations, said: "We recognize the responsibility of every nation to join in an expanding offensive against poverty, illiteracy and disease. For these bind men to lives of hopelessness and despair; these are the roots of violence and war."

Atlantic and Pacific

The third and closely related lesson is that we can no longer afford—if we ever could—a one-ocean policy. Peace will escape us if we follow a double standard on aggression—if we strive to deter it across the Atlantic while tolerating it across the Pacific.

Our attention to Vietnam and the problem of the Pacific does not mean that we are turning away from Europe. Our allegiance to the fundamental concepts of the Atlantic alliance is as firm as ever. We know from experience that our safety will continue to depend on a strong defense of Western Europe.

Acceptable solutions to the problems of German reunification and of European security do not depend on us alone. It takes two sides to reach an agreement. Our own approach to basic international settlements is clear, as stated at Manila. "We shall play our full part in creating an environment in which reconciliation becomes possible. . . ."

The responsible use of power in today's world requires a serious effort to reach out for agreement and reconciliation with differing political and social systems.

For this reason we continue to explore areas of common interest with the Soviet Union and other Eastern European states even while the conflict in Vietnam goes on.

Practical agreements need not be based on agreement on political values. In this spirit, President Johnson announced last October the lifting of certain barriers to trade with Eastern European countries and held out the hope of a reduction in tensions and military forces throughout Europe. Agreement has recently been reached on starting regular Moscow-New York air flights. The recent Polish-Czech offer to accept controls over their atomic facilities by the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) if West Germany takes equivalent action could also open the way to improved East-West relations in other fields.

Navy Hospital Corpsmen Get New Rotation Plan

Chief of Naval Personnel has approved a new rotation plan for enlisted hospital corpsmen with a provision for a return to shore duty for all HMs completing a Vietnam tour.

Lengths of these shore tours will vary from 18 to 30 months, depending on the individual case. The new policy will give relief to shore activities, where most needed, in experienced petty officers and critical technical specialties.

Overall manning of shore activities, however, will not be increased significantly. As these men return from Vietnam a similar number will be sent from shore duty to the fleets as replacements.

Hospital corpsman strength was increased this month by 1,362 billets to fill the long SE ASIA pipeline. Some 1,000 of these have been added to student lines of the Class "A" Basic Hospital Corps Schools. These billets will provide additional strength through input at the lowest level.

The 362 remaining billets are authorized for naval hospital and smaller medical facilities.

Army Publication Contains South Asia Research Data

Army has published "South Asia: A Strategic Survey" providing unclassified research data to military personnel with a study concentration on India, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Nepal, Sikkim and Bhutan.

The bibliographic survey was released as DA Pamphlet 550-3. It was prepared by the Army Library, TAGO, research staff by direction of Army Chief of Staff Gen. Harold K. Johnson.

Some 750 book, article and document abstracts deal with all major problems of the countries.

Copies of the 175-page publication may be obtained through regular Department of the Army publications channels.

CAMPAIGN ENDORSED — Chairman of the Joint Chiefs General Earle G. Wheeler, USA, endorses the first annual Defense Department Combined Federal Campaign. Gen. Wheeler emphasized the benefit federal and armed forces personnel could derive from efforts of participating organizations—the Red Cross, nine American Overseas Agencies and 12 National Health Agencies. The campaign will be conducted from March 1 to April 15.

Defense Contract Service Increases Payment Record

Defense Supply Agency's Defense Contract Administration Service has increased monthly payments to contractors by more than 70,000 paid invoices during its first year of operation.

DCAS recorded an increase of 54 percent of prime contracts since it became fully operational.

The organization provides contract management services in or near contractors' plants to the military departments and NASA to assure delivery of quality products to depots or battlefields on a timely basis.

DCAS has 20,000 military and civilian employees who previously performed field contracts administration under separate systems of the Army, Navy, Air Force and the Defense Supply Agency.

Service Telephone Bills Increase 75 cents April 1

A 75-cent increase will be added to telephone bills of military families living in government-owned or leased housing beginning April 1.

The increase, first since 1962, will be from $5 to $5.75 monthly when the phones are connected to military switchboards for unofficial use. The 1962 rate increase was $1.

Published in changes to DOD Instruction 4640.4, increased rates are also forthcoming for other users of unofficial telephone service at military installations.

Included are increases for telephones installed for use of public schools, the American Red Cross and other quasi-Government agencies such as the Service Motion Picture Services, Service Exchanges, and NCO and Officers' Messes located on a military installation and Federal Credit Unions.

Other activities using Class "B" or unofficial government telephone service will also receive increases.

The directive lists Class "A" phone service as "Official," Class "C" as "Official-Restricted" and Class "D" as "Official-Special".

More WACs Ordered To Vietnam Duty

Some 90 Women's Army Corps enlisted clerk typists have been placed on orders for the Saigon area. This will bring the WAC officer and enlisted complement there to about 120 within the next few months.

Currently there are about 30 women officers and enlisted performing duties in the Saigon area. One officer and one enlisted are assigned as advisors to the RVN Women's Armed Forces Corps and one officer and four enlisted are WAC Detachment cadre.

The remaining officers are assigned to various staff sections in MACV and Army units in the Saigon area and the remaining enlisted serve as stenographers in the same area.

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